

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0025] and [0029] of the application as published with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0025] FIGS. 1-4 show a pair of side rails 68 adjustably connected to each side of the ~~main frame 12~~ side pull out extension 38 adjacent the backrest section 20 for the safety of the patient. The side rails 68 can be placed in multiple positions. To facilitate transport, the side rails 68 can be dropped down into the ~~main frame 12~~ side pull out extension 38 to facilitate a width of 39 inches to fit through a standard 42-inch door. An ingress/egress bar 70 is pivotally mounted to each side of the side pull out extension 38 ~~main frame 12~~ adjacent the foot section 26 to assist with ingress and egress of the patient for the bariatric patient management system 10.

[0029] Use of the side pull out extensions 38 facilitates a widening and narrowing of the mattress supporting surface 27 of the bariatric patient management system 10. Use of the end pull out extension 44 facilitates a lengthening and shortening ~~of the mattress supporting surface 27~~ of the bariatric patient management system 10. The ability to change the length and width of the bariatric patient management system 10 facilitates a larger patient, thus maximizing the comfort of the patient. The ability to change the length and width of the bariatric patient management system 10 also facilitates transport of the bariatric patient management system 10 as desired. During times of emergency or evacuation, health care providers may not have the time necessary to transfer a patient to a wheel chair or other transporting device. By providing a quick and easy adjustment method, safety and flexibility of transport are maximized.